

R-1 Planning Committee Eyes Buildings

Morrow County School District R-1's newly-created planning committee held its first meeting Wednesday evening, January 3, after being authorized by directors of the district and being appointed by Chairman Don McElligott.

Eleven members and two alternates compose the committee, as follows: Dr. Wallace Wolff, Robert Jones, Ronald Curran and Orval Matheny, alternate, all of Heppner; Ted Palmateer, Garland Swanson, Louis Carlson and Harold Snider, alternate, all of Ione; Mrs. Dewey West and Vernon Russell, both of Boardman; Bill Parker and Orville Buchanan, both of Irigoin; and Elden Padberg, Lexington.

Swanson was elected chairman of the committee and Carlson was elected vice-chairman. At the first meeting, McElligott explained the reasons for the committee which is to study

the needs of all the schools in Morrow county to develop both an immediate improvement and a long range development program. Primary purpose is to study building needs, but it may also work into other areas of planning for the district.

To Study Overall Needs
McElligott said that he felt the school district should have long range goals to work towards instead of taking each item as a separate entity when an emergency arose. The committee is to study the overall needs of the school district and to prepare a report for the school board in which specific recommendations may be made for board action.

With Carlson presiding because of the absence of Swanson, the committee discussed methods to be used in obtaining its goals. One of the first objectives is to meet with local advisory committees and tour

each building in an attempt to acquaint the planning committee members with the buildings in the district at the present time and what changes are needed.

The committee then met with the Heppner-Lexington advisory committee and Alan Martin, Heppner Elementary principal, showed slides of the Heppner Junior High and auditorium-gymnasium buildings. He explained the problems in the two buildings and distributed a sheet with detailed cost estimates for remodeling the rest rooms of the junior high building.

Gym Building Toured
Martin suggested that the committee needs to determine whether the auditorium-gymnasium building should be repaired or replaced and presented no costs nor recommendations for repairing or remodeling it. The auditorium portion of

the structure was closed recently because of plaster falling from the ceilings and walls.

The committee toured the Heppner buildings, and then discussed them. They agreed that something needs to be done about the auditorium-gymnasium but feeling was expressed that it should be determined what the grade structure will be for the Heppner schools before they could realistically plan for remodeling or replacement. Consideration has been given previously to the possibility of a six-six system in Heppner, with seventh and eighth grades going to school in the high school building. If this were done, it would change building needs at the elementary plant.

Next meeting of the committee was tentatively set for Ione on January 22. Supt. Ron Daniels is to confirm the date and notify members prior to that time.



HARLEY YOUNG

Young is Head Of Oregon Rural Electric Co-ops

Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, started his term of office January 1 as president of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative association. He was elected to the position at a meeting in Portland in December and succeeds Harold Eskin of Moro, manager of the Wasco Electric Co-op of The Dalles.

The association has two general meetings each year, one in the fall and one in the summer. Directors meetings are held on call. Thirteen cooperatives in the State of Oregon are members, delivering power to some 40,000 rural families.

One important matter facing the association and the new president this year is working with committees of the legislature on tax proposals. Some consideration has been given by some legislators to advocate an excise tax on electric and telephone utilities, and this is opposed by the rural electric association.

Young started early working with cooperatives, taking his first job in Marysville, Mo., his home town, at the age of 19 as a pole hole digger.

He worked for other cooperatives in Missouri, was married there and spent 2 1/2 years with the U. S. Air Force. After World War II, he met Ed Collison who brought him here to work with the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative in Heppner.

When Collison moved to Riverview, Wash., to manage a cooperative there, Young became manager here in 1956. In the eleven years that Young has been manager, Columbia Basin Electric has tripled in size, principally because of the transfer with Pacific Power and Light Co. through which it acquired service areas in Gilliam and Wheeler counties as well as the City of Heppner and other areas in Morrow county.

Mustangs Defeat Cards, 66 to 56

Heppner High's basketball team evened its two-game series with the Ione Cardinals Tuesday night with a 66-56 victory in the Mustangs' gym. Ione had won the first game, 59 to 52, on the Cardinals' court December 12.

The Mustangs held an edge throughout most of the Tuesday night game against the scrappy Redbirds. Halftime stood 31 to 24 for the winners, and a seven-point spread remained at the end of the third quarter, 45 to 38. Heppner started to pull away in the last stanza, but the Cards, led by Eddie Sherman's 21-point production, kept driving until the final gun.

Russ Kilkenny, Heppner center, who had been held to four points by the Cards in the game at Ione, connected for 19 Tuesday night. Frank Halvorsen, center for the Ione five, also had 19. Dave Hall drilled 18 points for the Mustangs, all on field goals.

The game was ragged, perhaps because of tenseness of the keen rivalry between the schools. Bill McLeod went out of the game in the fourth quarter with five fouls. Hall was on thin ice with four as was Halvorsen for Ione. Three players on Heppner's team ended with three fouls and two on Ione's team had three.

The Mustangs made only six points on free throws, and five of these were by Kilkenny. They made only six of 19 tries, but hit 30 field goals. Ione did better on the charity stripe with 14 of 27. They connected on 21 field goals.

Heppner's freshmen defeated the Ione Jayvees in the opener, 49 to 42.

IONE 56: Swanson 6, Sherman 21, Ball 7, Halvorsen 19, Lovgren 1, Peterson 2, Nelson.

HEPPNER 66: Hall 18, McCabe 6, McLeod 8, O'Donnell 5, Kilkenny 19, L. Pettyjohn 2, Stillman 2, S. Pettyjohn 2, Kemp 4.

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OFFICERS of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce for 1968 were installed Monday, and Herman Winter (seated, center), president for 1967, was presented past president's plaque by Wes Sherman (seated, right), president for 1968. Judge Paul Jones (seated, left), first vice-president for 1968, holds one of the membership certificates that were given to all members Monday. Standing are other officers for the new year (from left), Harlan McCurdy, Jr., secretary; Norman Supple, reelected treasurer; and Jerry Sweeney, second vice-president. (G-T Photo).

Chamber Hears Plans For Employment Service

Full services of an employment office will be offered through the Neighborhood Center in Heppner soon, Lorin O'Gara, director, Blue Mountain Economic Development Council, Inc., told the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The service will be offered through the State Employment Service with representatives coming here perhaps once each week, he said.

Full scale counseling for employment will also be available. Unemployment insurance claims will be processed through the office, and checks will be distributed here instead of going to any location to get them, O'Gara said.

The newly-established center, located in the Gilliam and Bisbee building, is now "touching" 115 persons per month, for such services as counseling, distribution of clothing and of needed furniture, O'Gara said.

He thanked the governing board here for its assistance with the center and pointed out that the members of the board set the priorities on needs and uses for the center. Courses from Blue Mountain Community College are offered through the center and those interested can sign for the courses here.

In other business at the Chamber's first meeting of the year, Orville Cutsforth reported on a letter he received from Congressman Al Ullman in reply to Cutsforth's urging investigating the possibility of using water from proposed atomic energy plants for irrigation.

The Congressman said that he would keep close touch with the possibilities and keep Cutsforth advised.

There has been considerable speculation about the development of such plants along the Columbia River and some have proposed such a plant for Morrow county.

New officers of the Chamber took their posts at the meeting with Frank Turner acting as installing officer. Wes Sherman,

incoming president, presented a past president's plaque to Herman Winter. Other new officers are County Judge Paul Jones, first vice-president; Jerry Sweeney, second vice-president; Harlan McCurdy, secretary; and Norman Supple, reelected treasurer.

Membership certificates were distributed to members for the year 1968.

Snow Conditions Still Preval Here

The on-again off-again weather that has characterized the start of the New Year continued this week with some rather springlike days and snow on others.

One inch of snow was recorded by Don Gilliam, weather observer, on Monday, but Tuesday warmed up to 54 degrees with a minimum of 35. However, Tuesday night another change came and a driving snow was falling by 9 p.m.

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	37	19	—
Thursday	46	26	—
Friday	39	26	—
Saturday	36	18	—
Sunday	43	17	—
Monday	42	27	.11*
Tuesday	54	35	—

(* 1 inch snow).

Icy Highway Halts Enterprise Game

The trip to Enterprise for a basketball game on January 5 came to a sudden halt in La Grande. The spectators' bus, the panel, and the players' bus were halted by the state police because of bad road conditions. The players' bus was held up in a traffic jam at the narrow bridge north of La Grande for about one hour and 45 minutes.

Some spectators got to La Grande only to find that they had a long trip home awaiting them.

January Clearance Sale This Weekend

Townwide January Clearance Sale in Heppner will be Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13, of this week as merchants clear their stocks at inventory time.

A few of the "super values" offered may be found on page five of this paper. Other advertising points out some of the other bargains.

During the two days of the sale, a special art showing by Mary Nikander and china decorating demonstrations will be given in the former Case Furniture building.

Morgan '67 Rainfall Only 4.83 Inches

Heppner had a dry year in 1967 with only 8.64 inches of rainfall but this was wet compared to that at the Morgan weather station. Total recorded there by Mrs. Blanche Lindstrom was only 4.83 inches, Gene Winters, county agent, states. The station is located three miles northeast of Morgan.

The total is a new low for the station, the previous record being 5.26 inches. Average is 9.42 inches.

School Bus Tire Blows But Driver Prevents Accident

(From HHS Hehisch)
While driving the bus to Ruggs Friday, Mrs. Rita Sumner, the Eightmile school bus driver, had quite an unordinary experience. The inside left dual tire blew out forcing the outside dual off the axle with the inside one close behind. This action lowered the left rear of the bus quite noticeably, and made the bus very difficult to handle. But Mrs. Sumner yelled "Hang on!" and wheeled it around the corner, keeping it straight in the road and bringing it to rest on the shoulder of the highway.

Mrs. Sumner commented that it was real hard to handle. No comment was made by the riders at that time.

Ione Girl Named On Round-Up Court

Susan Lindstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom of Ione, has been named one of four princesses for the 1968 Pendleton Round-Up court. She was also a princess on the Morrow County Rodeo court last year, and has achieved many riding honors during earlier years.

Miss Lindstrom is in her sophomore year at Oregon State University.

She will serve with Queen Mary Thompson, Adams; Princesses Gayle Rosenberg, Pendleton; Linda Levy, Pendleton, and Melissa Davis, Baker.

District Slates First Budget Meet

Directors and budget committee members of Morrow County School District R-1 will hold their first meeting on the 1968-69 school budget at the district office in Lexington Tuesday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m., Ron Daniels, superintendent and budget officer, announces.

This meeting and all subsequent meetings are open to the public and interested patrons are encouraged to attend, he states.

The first meeting is important as the budget message and budget document will be presented and explained, Daniels added. In later meetings the budget document will be examined and reviewed item by item, and necessary adjustments will be made.

Any person is invited to discuss proposed programs with the budget committee. A meeting calendar, listing all budget meetings, will be published as soon as it is established.

Center Meet Set

Meeting of the Neighborhood Center advisory board will be held Monday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. in The Center in the Gilliam and Bisbee building.



QUEEN BERNIECE MATTHEWS

Berniece Matthews Chosen Court Queen

Miss Berniece Matthews, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matthews of Ione, was chosen queen of the 1968 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo by the rodeo board at its meeting January 3.

Berniece represented the Willows Grange of Ione as its princess on the 1967 Rodeo Court.

Four princesses will be chosen from other parts of the county during the coming weeks to comprise the rest of Queen Berniece's court, who will promote the annual festivities of the fair and rodeo events during the spring and summer.

The new queen was a member of the 1967 graduating class of the Ione High school, sharing top scholastic honors with her twin sister, Deniece. The two sisters are now attending Oregon College of Education at Monmouth where they are enrolled as freshmen in elementary education.

Berniece is a member of the Junior Varsity Rally squad at OCE, acting as Rally Queen. Both young ladies are putting to use state scholarships which they received at graduation, and Berniece was also a recipient of a state teacher education scholarship from the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Always radiating a friendly and congenial personality, Queen Berniece made many friends in her court appearances last year. She also qualified as an excellent horsewoman, an ability which she has gained through her years of riding on ranches of family and friends in the Ione community.

She has been an outstanding community citizen, as well as

having achieved many honors in school. She attended all of her 12 years of school in Ione, at the same time enjoying many favorite active, outdoor interests.

For her many appearances this summer, the new queen will ride her favorite quarter horse, "Sunday Driver".

She will succeed Verina French of the Lena community, who reigned as the 1967 rodeo queen.



RON DANIELS

Daniels Elected To OSAA Board And OEA Position

Ron Daniels, superintendent of Morrow County School District R-1, has been elected to the board of control of the Oregon School Activities Association and has been named chairman of the Oregon Education Association's school finance committee.

Only seven in the state serve on the OSAA board of control, three representing A-1 size schools and two each representing A-2 and B size schools.

Daniels served on the delegate assembly for four years before being elected late last year to the board of control for a five-year term. There are 24 in the delegate assembly, eight each representing the three size divisions.

The OSAA is concerned with all school activities, including sports, speech, music and others. Board of control meetings are scheduled three times a year.

Daniels served three years on the OEA school finance committee before being elected chairman for this year at a meeting held in Portland in December.

Eleven members comprise the statewide committee, including teachers, administrators and others. The committee works with the legislature on recommendations for school appropriations and finance.

Currently the committee is considering the possibility of sponsoring an initiative measure that would require the legislature to appropriate 50% from some source other than the property tax for basic school support. Currently basic school support from the state is less than 35%.



WINNER of the First Baby Contest in Morrow county for 1968 was Keith Alan Kenison, 9 lb., 4 1/2 oz., held here by his mother, Mrs. Donald Kenison of Heppner. Keith was born January 3 in Pioneer Memorial hospital and as the first baby of the year wins some 30 prizes offered by business firms. He has one brother, Kevin Ray Kenison, 2. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Buck of Union and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Kenison of Cove. The father works for the Heppner Ranger district, U. S. Forest Service, and the family has been in Heppner for four years. (G-T Photo).